

# Washington Health Leadership Summit

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Don Sloma  
Executive Director  
WA State Board of Health

Dear Don,

I'm writing to offer the opportunity for you to participate in the Leadership RoundTable panel at the Washington Health Leadership Summit on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Leadership Summit will provide state and community leaders an opportunity to review the results of Community RoundTables 2003, a series of 44 statewide health discussions conducted by the Washington Health Foundation and a broad partnership of participating organizations. At these meetings, more than 1,200 Washingtonians expressed the values that they think ought to drive efforts for improving Washington's health system.

The 500 summit participants will use instant voting to determine which of those values will be the shared basis for collaborative work towards major health system changes throughout the 2004 election cycle and into 2005.

## Leadership RoundTable - 10:00 am

Prior to voting, you and the other members of the Leadership Roundtable panel will be asked to comment on the value that you feel is most important, and why. Denny Heck, formerly of TVW, will be the panel moderator and has been instructed to keep the panel of approximately eight participants to an hour, so your responses will need to be concise. You will receive an advance version of the Community RoundTables report (The Washington Health Values Map) prior to the summit.

While the final analysis is being completed, the preliminary values and priorities that participants identified follow in alphabetical order:

- "Collaboration"
- "Community-Based Solutions"
- "Efficiency"
- "Fairness"
- "Stabilize System Funding"
- "Leadership and Political Accountability"
- "Need for System Redesign"
- "Personal Responsibility"
- "Re-allocate Existing System Funding"

We are asking you to talk about a single value to provide Summit attendees with a greater depth of understanding of that issue from your point of view. The voting process is not mutually exclusive. By "advocating" one of the values, you are not "eliminating" a different one.

In your advance packet, you will also receive the definitions and direct Community RoundTables participants' quotes that led the analyst to these conclusions. You will also receive the moderator's starting panel question.

Caucus Walk – 11:30 am

The "Caucus Walk" is a unique feature of this event. During lunch, summit attendees will come together in groups to discuss ways to promote the health system improvement values that they feel are most important. As Leadership RoundTable participant, you are invited to visit and share your views with any and/or all of these caucus groups.

Leader Q&A - 3:00 pm

We have also set aside a specific opportunity at the end of the summit for you to field questions from Summit attendees and press, if you choose to do so.

The rest of the Summit

You are welcome to participate in all other aspects of the Leadership Summit, including the voting process. There are two Summit pre-events on October 27 – a Community Leadership Caucus and a reception that you are welcome to attend.

As a Leadership RoundTable panelist, *we will waive your registration fee.* One accompanying staff member may attend for \$35. Please use the enclosed registration form.

You matter to this process - and your participation matters to the people of Washington. Please feel free to contact me if you any questions.

I look forward to your participation at the Summit!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Whitfield". The signature is stylized with a large "J" and "W".

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